Coeling picked as new Director of Public Relations

by Mary Ann Musial

Have you ever wondered who was responsible for publications like Campus Correspondence and the Aquinas Magazine? It's the Aquinas College public relations department, of course! Sharon J. Coeling joined the staff in February as the new Director of Public Relations.

Sharon had worked for five years at Grand Valley as the Director of News and Information Services but decided she was interested in working for a small, more personal school. She saw an ad for the Aquinas position in the Grand Rapids Press and since she lives in the neighborhood and received good feedback from friends about Aquinas, she decided to apply for the position.

So far, Sharon thinks Aquinas is "Great!" "I'm getting to know a lot of people," she states. She feels that Aquinas does many worthwhile things that need to be recognized such as maybe even taking a couple classes. She adds, "I'm happy to be here and I hope to get to know students and faculty better."

"Pied Piper of Sign" brings mime and music

David Parker, a dynamic entertainer who combines music with sign language, will present a workshop, followed by a performance, this Sunday at Aquinas College in Kretschmer Recital Hall. The workshop is scheduled from 1:30 to 3 p.m., with the performance starting at 4:30 p.m.

Parker has been praised by critics as a captivating performer who entertains, educates and promotes deaf awareness. Known as "the Pied Piper of Sign," he delights thousands of children and adults each year with his solo performances for school assemblies. He also does workshops on signing techniques and self-awareness for deaf individuals. Parker is also the creator and director of the Pittsburgh-based performing troupe, Breakthrough, whose goals are to share the beauty of sign language with the hearing, and the wonder of music with the deaf.

Parker's visit to the area is sponsored by the college's Academic Achievement Center and by the Office of Multi-Cultural Student Services.

The performance is free and open to the public. For the workshop, please register by calling 459-8281 ext. 3711.
To the editor:

the ride service

I feel the students of Aquinas College need to be aware of what services are useful and which ones could be improved. I hope this article will encourage students to speak out on issues that concern them. Before I come to my point, I would like to say that this article is not meant to offend anybody.

Aquinas College began a job transportation service at the beginning of the 1987-88 school year. Students are provided with rides back and forth to work for $1 each way. We, the students, are fortunate to have this transportation service because many colleges do not. However, this service could be improved for it to be more beneficial to Aquinas students.

First of all, this transportation service needs to acquire more resources. Only then can it accommodate all of the students. During the 1987-88 school year, the service had three cars—now it has only one. Because their is more demand than the resources can handle, students must go to work earlier (or later) than when they need to be at their workplace. I'm sure that the employees are doing their best to run an effective service. However, the students lose out because they pay for these rides and when they are forced to go to their job early or late, they lose wages or valuable time; an example is the student who could have studied an extra half-hour. If their were more cars available for transportation, there would be better organization because when students schedule rides, the scheduler wouldn't have to figure out how two people can go to their job at the same time.

Another way the service could improve its operation is if there were more drivers. Sometimes when a student schedules for a ride, they are told that a driver isn't available at that time. The job of the coordinator would be easier if someone would provide more people as employees. This way, instead of trying to get a driver without much notice (sometimes unsuccessfully), the coordinator would be relieved of much unnecessary anxiety.

Lastly, if the rules were a little more flexible, students would increase their utilization of this transportation service. For example, the service doesn't run on weekends. Many people work on weekends and don't have money to take a taxi to their jobs, or they can't walk because their job is too distant. A weekend service would be one way to receive more resources (cars etc.) could be obtained; in turn, more people could (and might want to if the service could pay them more) work as drivers because students would have a higher demand for this service.

In conclusion, if the job transportation service changed their function just a little, not only would the students benefit (and make better use of the service), but so would the employees. Because more students would desire transportation, the operation would require more money. Then, this money could be used to purchase more resources and hire more drivers. This, in turn, would lead to even greater demand on the part of Aquinas College students. The job transportation service would be more effective if these suggestions are seriously considered.

signed,
Harriet Michaelakis

Siblings visit campus
for fun look at college life

The weekend of March 17 was the date for "Little" brother and sister weekend sponsored by the RHC/RHA's of Regina hall, St. Joseph hall and East Campus. Aquinas students had the opportunity to invite their younger siblings to join them for a weekend full of fun. Many activities were planned to keep the youngsters busy.

Karin Pleasant, younger sister of freshman Julie Pleasant, arrived late Friday evening and was kept busy until late Sunday afternoon. Karin raved "I had such a great time I would love to stay longer!" The sisters shared such activities as basketball during open gym, playing video games and just fooling around staying up late. Karin also commented "I will come again but the food has got to go. We wouldn't even be back to the room five minutes and it seemed we had to go eat again." Karin was one of many siblings who took advantage of a meal pass which was offered at $13 and included four meals over the weekend.

On campus as well as off campus activities were planned for the siblings to enjoy. Off campus they had the opportunity to go bowling, ice-skating, roller-skating, visit the museum or go shopping at Woodland Mall. On campus activities started the weekend off with a scavenger hunt and moved onto a coloring contest, open gym, movies, board games, a children's mass and culminated with a children's pop concert. Siblings were also given the opportunity of getting their picture taken.

Freshman Hilila Crutchfield hosted her two younger sisters for the weekend. "It was great to have my sisters here. I miss my family and enjoy being with them. It gave me a chance to show them around my campus."

Randy MacGeorge, Director of St. Joe's, felt "Because of bad weather we lost some kids. Overall, with the kids we did have, I feel the weekend was a success." Being the advisor for the RHC MacGeorge also commented "The RHC pulled together and did a fine job. They were able to take everything upon themselves which contributed to the successful weekend."

Pam Strobel, in charge of advertising for the weekend, was able to send out flyers to bring the special weekend to the student's attention. The announcement gave students ample time to make arrangements to host their younger siblings.

By Mimi Koenig
New Freshman Humanities Program Explores the past and enriches the present

In this age of head-spinning change and sophisticated technology, sociologists indicate that students in college today will change their work seven to ten times in their lifetime. It is hard to know what the future holds and whether the work a person chooses will exist ten years from now. So simply preparing for a career may not be the best way to get the most from a college education.

Employers today are interested in hiring college graduates who have learned to think, speak and write. They look for individuals who are developing a sense of taste and judgement and who have some knowledge of the past as well as the present. Martin J. Allen, Jr., Senior Vice-President for Corporate Planning and Development at Old Kent Financial Corporation recently noted: “People in business today are looking for individuals who have more than skills for a job. We are looking for a well rounded individual with an understanding of people and culture- someone who knows art and music and knows something about literature and history. I learned a long time ago— if you give us a person with taste and good judgement, we can teach them the rest.”

Aquinas, a liberal arts college with a career orientation, has long advocated an education that is both personally enriching and practical. The college has based its programs on a belief that a student can get a broad base of knowledge which will be a foundation for any career.

Over the past two years, Aquinas faculty and administration have been discussing ways of improving the present Freshman Seminar Program to provide students with greater opportunities at the beginning of their college career to gain a basic knowledge of the western cultural tradition and improve their writing skills. As a result, in the fall of 1989, Aquinas will provide its incoming freshman class with a two-semester program in the Humanities. Worth four hours each semester, the Humanities course will interweave literature, art, history, music, philosophy and science through small seminar discussions, presentations, performances, films, journals, writing, research and creative projects. From the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans to the people of the modern world, freshman will study about individuals who searched as, people do today, to make sense out of life, to find meaning in the world and to live a happy, full life. Their thoughts and expressions, joys and struggles reflect ideas and values that should help students refine and clarify their own.

A Sunday series of four Humanities events each semester, many of which will be open to the public, will be coordinated with the syllabus. These events will include productions of Antigone and Tartuffe, musical performances by The Society of Old Music from Western Michigan University and by the Grand Rapids Chamber Winds. In addition, the Humanities Program will sponsor a spring bus trip to the Art Institute in Chicago to view an exhibition of the works of Claude Monet.

It is the hope of Aquinas that this new Humanities Program will bring students to the heart of what it means to be human: imagination, knowledge, judgement, feeling and beauty. It is the hope of the college that this kind of a program will open doors to the future. The ability to clarify and judge ideas and to understand human nature will never be made obsolete by technology.

By Sister Marie Celeste Miller
Alumnae speak out for women's studies cognate at AQ

By Lee Ann Breidenfield

The Aquinas Women's Center spoke with three recent graduates who, as part of their undergraduate programs, earned the 21 credits needed to fulfill the requirements for the women's studies cognate.

All three alumnae addressed in their own words how the cognate courses made them aware of their heritage as women. Further, they spoke positively of the concentration as an asset for them in the marketplace.

Anne Hagen, currently employed by Old Kent Financial Corporation in computer information systems, cited the women's studies program as a valuable complement to her technical skills. A 1985 graduate and former Director of the Women's Center, Hagen is convinced that prospective employers are more and more looking for well-rounded individuals who have developed their "people skills" in addition to competencies in a particular field. She indicated that during her job search interviewers seemed to be looking for candidates with a sense of self, with strong communication skills and with a perspective that showed some preparation beyond the technical. She credits both her liberal arts studies, and the women's cognate sought by contemporary businesses.

Hagen indicated that her course work gave her time to reflect on the needs of women in business and in technical careers. She indicated that academic work grounded in a feminist perspective enhanced her self-esteem and self-confidence in facing the competitive demands of a career. She feels that she was exposed, in her studies, to often-overlooked information that has enabled her in positive ways to question assumptions about the role of women and thus be part of the slow but sure process of change.

Hagen indicated that her work in the cognate and involvement in the Women's Center helped her to clarify her career goals and her own standards for acceptable conditions of employment. She continues to build on her course work, viewing the women's studies program as the solid base on which is built her ongoing interest in issues that effect women in society.

Cyn Greenhow Gielow, a December, 1988 Aquinas graduate, is currently seeking employment in the communication arts field. During the summer following graduation she took a challenging, temporary position as coordinator of a multi-sports event for women amateur athletes called "Run Jane Run," co-sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and the Grand Rapids Women's Resource Center. She credits her involvement as a student intern at the Aquinas Women's Center and her cognate studies as being instrumental in her obtaining the "Run, Jane, Run" job.

Greenhow Gielow feels that the cognate gave her an opportunity to explore questions about the role of women in society. She says that as she began to look at women's issues she came to realize that they had professional as well as personal implications.

Greenhow Gielow suggests that the diverse courses of the cognate could be more actively marketed as valuable to people in business who earned their degrees earlier than the last 10 years and who may be grappling with gender related issues that arise in their fields and men who will be expected to deal effectively with changing societal expectations in the workplace.

Carolyn Joyce sings the praises of the women's studies cognate and the Aquinas women who served as faculty mentors and strong role models for her as an undergraduate. Acknowledging that she was challenged to excel academically, while at Aquinas, she also credits her involvement in the cognate with subsequent education and career choices. She earned her master's degree in clinical psychology, writing her thesis, What is a Feminist Experience of Spiritually?, as a result of insights gained and organized study first begun at Aquinas.

Joyce now works as a private therapist at Wellspring, her own agency, and teaches at Davenport College. She described the knowledge she gained in the cognate as "a bag of tools" that has served her well through graduate school, in her professional endeavors and in her personal relationships. In addition to offering a body of knowledge she claims that the cognate has enabled her to integrate for herself: principles, values and beliefs, and through her work to facilitate others doing this for themselves.

Joyce speaks of a sense of responsibility to raise people's consciousness, whenever the opportunity presents itself, to women's experiences and realities. The women's study cognate, she claims, is a way to pull this together. Studying the history, philosophy, and contexts of women's lives provides academic credibility that backs up feelings, opinions and experiences of daily life.

Hagen, Greenhow Gielow and Joyce in different ways show the diverse application of women's studies. Each also, spontaneously, recommended the cognate to women and men interested in understanding the dynamics they will encounter in the world of work, family and relationships.

All 3 women acknowledged that pursuing the women's studies cognate not only made them aware of their historical heritage of strength and vision but inspires them to find ways to contribute personally and professionally to that heritage themselves.

For more complete course offerings and further information about the cognate, contact Sr. Yvonne Greiner at ext. 4492 or Mary Alice Williams at the Women's Center, ext. 4115.

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Aaron Molenda named outstanding CAVA volunteer

By Pam Najor

To some students in college the act of studying is genuinely demanding—both mentally and physically time consuming. But for a capable few, the academic load itself is not quite challenging enough.

Aaron Molenda finds time during a busy schedule to share some quality time helping the less fortunate in the Grand Rapids community. He is being recognized for this commitment as the recipient of the 1988-89 Outstanding Volunteer Award given by the Community of Active Volunteers of Aquinas College (C.A.V.A.).

Aaron, a freshman from Chicago, decided early on that he wanted to become involved in activities other than academic. Two weeks into the school year he went to the CAVA office and asked the co-directors, Michelle Knabe and Chris Strand, what he could do to help.

Since then Aaron has dedicated himself to the CAVA program. "He has always been someone we could count on and he is so enthusiastic about every project that we've done," said Knabe.

Aaron has scheduled two of his free hours on Tuesday evenings to go to the Kent County Juvenile Facility with a group of CAVA volunteers. There he and other CAVA members engage in a favorite of the kids—volleyball. They mostly play in teams, CAVA vs. "the kids" which teaches cooperation and teamwork to otherwise individualistic kids who have never before looked out for anyone but themselves.

Speaking of this experience, Aaron said, "I have realized the advantages I had growing up compared to these kids and it makes me know how special my family is to me." Most of these kids are at the facility only temporarily. For some it is a place to stay before a court date. The majority are between the ages of 9 and 18 and have come from broken homes.

Aaron also offers his time on Wednesday afternoons to volunteer on a more one-to-one level. He tutors children between grades three and five at the United Methodist Community House. He divides the time amongst 10 to 15 students with another CAVA volunteer. They are available to the students to help with any academic, social or personal problems that might be bothering them.

Aaron plans on continuing his involvement in the CAVA organization during his future years at Aquinas. The CAVA award is given every year to student volunteers that make volunteering a serious priority rather than just another activity to participate in when time permits. As Michelle put it, Aaron was chosen for this award because "His commitment and dedication to other people is what stands out in my mind as being an excellent volunteer and he is certainly both of those."
Super Saints

Alese Keiser and Andrew Postema
By Sherry Holmberg

Super Saints recognition this issue goes out to Alese Keiser and Andrew Postema. These students have been chosen for their outstanding contributions to the Aquinas community.

Alese Keiser working on her last semester here at Aquinas and her fourth year on the basketball team will be graduating this spring. Keiser is from Williamston, Michigan, where she resides with her family; she has two sisters and one brother. Majoring in math and minoring in chemistry, she has ambitions of going into secondary education and coaching.

"I came to Aquinas because it has a great academic reputation and because I could play basketball," remarked Alese. Basketball has been a major part of Alese's college experience. Last year she made the all-tournament team for the Grand Rapids Press Tournament. This past November she played on the all-tournament team at Oakland University and again for the Grand Rapids Press Tournament, where she was voted MVP. In January, Keiser was honored as National Catholic Basketball Tournament Academic All-American. "My coaches, Patti(Tibaldi) and Joe(Tibaldi), have really helped me. They've been like a second set of parents," said Keiser.

Presently, Alese is working for Intramural Director Mary Takas in Public Relations. She hopes to student teach in the fall and someday teach secondary education and coach basketball. "By teaching I hope to make a difference because education affects everyone's life," said Keiser.

Andrew Postema, presently a senior, transferred here last year from Grand Rapids Junior College. Postema was originally from Ann Arbor; however, he has lived in Grand Rapids most of his life. Postema's family is important to him—he has a brother, sister, and three step brothers. Majoring in physical education, Postema hopes to teach elementary school. "I want to help children develop creativity and enjoyment for sports. It's been a life time interest and my ultimate goal," said Postema.

Postema has played baseball both for JC and Aquinas. In 1987, during his sophomore year at JC Andy made first team All-American, Great Lakes Player of Year, fourth in the nation in hitting and as if all that weren't enough, he was soon after drafted by the Detroit Tigers. However, Postema decided not to join the Tigers and to continue his education. "Baseball is not my life, but it's the most enjoyable part as far as activity and competitiveness. It's opened many doors. It's my niche," said Postema. Last year, playing on Aquinas's baseball team, Andy received an All-Region award, in addition to All-American. "Playing here has been nice, there wasn't any pressure. It's easy to play for Bofhead coach Terry Bocian) because he's fair and at the same time he is demanding. He stresses both ends: education and athletics. It makes going to school that much better because of the people and friendships I've developed through baseball," stated Postema. In addition, he's going on his fourth year playing for Sullivan's, a select baseball team. Last summer their team traveled to Europe where they won the international championship.

Postema officiates basketball in grade schools and he is an umpire for baseball at the high school level. In the future he plans to be a physical education instructor and coach in an elementary school, and someday coach at the college level. Andy wants to leave his options open and seize the moments as they come.

"A Detroit Tiger uniform within his reach, Andrew Postema chose to finish his education first."
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Vocal Jazz groups present "Big Show" at Royce

Once again, last minute preparations are being made to insure a night of dynamically explosive entertainment for those who are anticipating the arrival of the Third Annual Vocal Festival of Music, April 8, at the Royce Auditorium. Performances include the Aquinas Mixed Vocal Jazz Group, and featuring special guest, 5th Avenue.

Five adorable male singers, including our very own music director, Steve Sulainis, comprise 5th Avenue who sing mostly jazz, pop, acappela and a beebopping array of doo-wop. “We thought it would be really nice to have an all male group compliment our new group of all women,” said Sulainis.

Dave Duiven, Bob Wells, Paul Mabin and Bob Courtney are the other four members of the group, and all five are former Gold Company members. Under the direction of Centre Stage Management, their other performances include private parties, conventions and the upcoming Grand Rapids Festival ‘89.

“The big show is incredibly exciting...the lights, costume, changes, dancing, it’s just a lot of fun...it hasn’t come this far, though, without a lot of work, stress and teamwork from all of us,” commented Jill Grigaliunas, singer for the Mixed Jazz Group.

All three groups are anxiously looking forward to working together and performing not only jazz, but country, rock, doo-wop and a few show tunes.

On a last note Sulainis added “We’re moving this year’s show to Royce Auditorium because last year’s capacity outweighed the number of tickets sold!”

Be sure not to miss out on this spectacular event and reserve tickets in advance. Tickets can be reserved by calling 459-8281 ext. 3419. Please make checks payable to: Aquinas College Vocal Jazz Club.
Percussion group becomes "radio-active" in performance of John Cage's music

By Rupert Kettle

On April 20, the Aquinas College Percussion Group will present a unique and adventurous concert entitled WIRELESS: The Radio in the Music of John Cage. All of the music to be performed was written for an ensemble including materials and equipment to be found in radio broadcasting studios, or the radio itself, treated as an instrument.

John Cage (born 1912) is, of course, one of America's foremost composers, and one who has always been considered the stereotypical avant-gardist. In his earlier work, he was possibly influenced by the European Futurists of the teens and twenties, and definitely influenced by the percussive aspects of the musics of Edgar Varese and Henry Cowell (the latter of whom was one of his teachers). Cage has written extensively for percussion and, in the late 1930's, had his own percussion orchestra, often in collaboration with Lou Harrison, who visited Aquinas last year. He also invented the prepared piano (actually an offshoot of Cowell's string piano) and was an early pioneer of electronic music. Eventually, Cage introduced chance operations and randomness into his compositional processes and then brought indeterminacy to his performance approaches. Off and on, through it all, the radio, or aspects of it has popped up in Cage's work, and this is the theme of the program.

The concert has been organized chronologically, beginning with the Imaginary Landscape No.1 (1939). This work will be heard through loud-speakers, as it was intended to be listened to either as a radio broadcast or/and as a recording. (The group has already recorded the piece with the invaluable help of Steve Sulainis and it is an exciting tape.) Following will be the Imaginary Landscape No.3 (1942), which uses some unorthodox percussion (e.g. tin-can xylophones) and broadcast studio electronics (substituting synthesizers for the frequency recordings called for by cage—such are from what one radio person we contacted called the "horse-buggy days" of broadcasting, and are no longer available.) Jumping to 1951, the next piece will be Imaginary Landscape No.4 (or March No.2) for an orchestra of twelve actual radios, which, along with the Music of Changes for solo pianist, was one of Cage's first utilizations of random compositional process.

The next two works, Speech (1955), and Radio Music (1956), were also written with chance procedures, and both have a "theater piece", or "happening" quality to them. Finally, Cage's Music Walk, performed from scores realized by Rupert Kettle from materials provided by the composer, and executed on a large gamut of percussion instruments and several radios. This is one of the first piece's known to me where the "indeterminacy" notion seems to be formulating itself in Cage's work. (The theme of Cage- & radios could, incidentally, be carried on up to at least 1981, when, in Thirty Pieces for Five Orchestras, Cage required that a concert hall's doors be left open during performance, with a radio playing outside each one.)

Speech, by the way, features a live radio announcer as the focal point of its orchestration. It's a pleasure to report that our special guest for this piece will be Brad Aspey, classical music broadcaster for WBLV-FM at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. When I called Brad, I thought I might have to do some heavy-duty convincing to get him to do this. Rather, he was immediately interested, and more than willing to come in and rehearse and perform with us, proving once again that there are people out there who will jump in and help with projects, if only for the fun of it, or both (and they needn't be mutually exclusive). We're all pleased that Brad Aspey will be joining us, and offer him our thanks.

The core Aquinas College Percussion Group this semester consists of Dennis Rybicki, Tony Roest, Bill Fonger, Andy Sheneman and Peter Bass. It will be augmented for some of the larger works by Kevin Bolhuis, Dawn Michaels, Brian Kelly, and others not set at press-time. Steve Sulainis is our technical consultant for "Wireless", and to him, too, we are all grateful. WIRELESS: The Radio in the Music of John Cage will be presented on Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Kretscher Recital Hall. A reception will follow, and there is no admission charge. Tune in...

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"Martini's" offers jazz and blues in Eastown

by Katie Sturm

What happened to Bogie's Eastown Saloon? What about our Aquinas night's held every Thursday when we rocked on Bogie's dance floor? Well, Bogie's has now become Martini's, the new jazz and blue's sound of Eastown, owned and run by Ossi Martinez.

Martinez said, in his native accent, "[that] I have always had a dream to own a jazz and blue's based bar." He doesn't mind a little top 40 coming in every once in a while but he wants to basically stick to jazz and Blue's.

Martinez hopes to have an Aquinas night on Monday's. This means our own Aquinas jazz sound will be filling the new Martini's air. Also he is bringing in the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band which cranked in Eastown last January and is coming to Martini's in April.

The bar is open Monday thru Saturday and every third Sunday of each month. On those Sunday's he hopes to bring in a "special sound" to Eastown. Martinez is going to try out letting people 19 years of age and older into the bar. He said, "I am going to keep a strict eye on who is drinking alcohol. If I see they're underage I'll give them one warning. After that, they're out."

Martini's is a dream that has come to reality for Ossi Martinez. "I'm really excited about Martini's and I hope that it works out."
Saint Spotlight

opinion poll results

by Bryan Rizzo

"Saint Spotlight" by Bryan Rizzo

I would like to thank everyone who responded to the opinion poll in the last issue of the "Times". Your support, obviously, was essential to this article.

The results of the poll went very much as I had expected. Nearly everyone who responded listed one of two things which are quite related. The first and most prominent suggestion was to give the athletic department more funding. The second idea was the extension of intramural/open gym hours.

The funding is definitely in great need. The success of any department is largely dependent on its funding. Unfortunately Aquinas, as one of our responses stated, doesn’t have the donors that, for instance, Hope does. The money issue is vital, no question about that. Most of the staff in the athletic department is part-time. That means they must hold down several jobs just to survive. This is where the money is truly needed. These people do a tremendous job as it is but just think what they could do for the students if they were full-time.

The open gym/intramural hours aspect is one which is very important to the students. Our present programs are very good. Especially when you consider the scheduling difficulties due to the lack of facilities it is truly incredible that intramurals get as much gym time as they do.

I think the main concern of most students is the time available for their personal usage of gym facilities. When this is brought up we must be reminded that on any one day during these weeks one could go to the fieldhouse and see practice for men’s varsity basketball, men’s junior varsity basketball, women’s varsity basketball, women’s junior varsity basketball, track, baseball, softball, and men’s and women’s tennis. If you venture over late-night you may catch the volleyball club working out. To schedule all these practices, games, intramurals, plus open gym hours is a ridiculous task at best.

Recently, steps have been taken to improve this situation for the average student. Resident Advisors have been given the power to open the gym for several hours after open gym hours as well as on weekends. This gives students some additional hours but is still not enough.

One proposal I have heard is to open the fieldhouse 24 hours. This may seem a bit extreme but it is feasible. This would not, of course, include times when practices or games were in session. However, Saturday’s and Sunday’s would have open gym all day as well as the late night hours. This would give both morning and night people ample opportunity for gym usage before and after practices and games.

Obviously, their are many reasons for and against this idea. However, until more facilities are added and more money given to the department this seems to be one of the only realistic solutions.

I.M. Hoop Wrap-Up

by Bryan Rizzo

The five-on-five intramural basketball season ended with its annual championship games on February 27.

The women’s game featured an exciting, double overtime contest which was finally won by Wild Things as they edged out Salt & Pepper 39-38. Pat Morse carried the winners as she came up with 22 points and six rebounds. Vonda Nagalkurk added 9 points for the champions. The runner-ups were led by Beth Wills who had 15 points. Karen Claypoole added eleven points and Carol Hughes notched seven rebounds.

The white division of the men’s league pitted the Silver Bullet’s against the Foley’s. The Silver Bullet’s jumped out to a quick 11-0 lead and lead at the halfway point 24-17. The second half was wide open and following a Matt Smith 3-point bomb the Bullet’s had a 13 point lead. But, the Foley’s ran off a few straight points capped by a John Osborne 3-pointer with three minutes remaining. The Foley’s lead 50-49 with 21 seconds left when Matt Sullivan hit two Silver Bullet free-throws to put them up one.

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March Madness

by Bryan Rizzo

Excitement! This is one word which is totally identifiable with sports. We have come to expect excitement in every game we see whether it be an incredible slam dunk or a long touchdown pass. These are like American traditions. It is very seldom that such excitement can be seen at a crucial or even life-or-death situation. When it is a last second spectacle their is no feeling like it. Proof of this can be found by asking the varsity basketball team. More specifically ask Troy Pelak.

The heroics came on Saturday, March 4 in a small town northwest of Detroit. The Saints had traveled through a raining and foggy day to play Saint Mary's College of Orchard Lake. The game was close all the way. The second half was back-and-forth scoring with one team in the lead followed by a surge from the other team. The Saints looked to have finally put it away with a lead of three points with under 20 seconds remaining in the contest. However, with just three seconds remaining St. Mary's was at the free-throw line for two shots trailing by just one point. Both free-throws were made leaving the Saints in a seemingly season ending situation. They were down a point with the length of the court to go and score in just three seconds. Three seconds and a season of hard work goes by the wayside. Kris Lesley took the ball from the referee and looked down court for an open player. One brief glance went just left of halfcourt but Brian Jacobs was covered. The next look caught Troy Pelak at the three point line, three-quarters of the way down court. Lesley whistled a pass which Pelak showed after the game made one of the biggest St. Mary's player in the closing minutes of the game. Paul Lauer lead the team in scoring and hit a gigantic three-point shot in the final minute. Everyone contributed! This was one of the first times I can remember seeing many of the players standing by the bench in the final moments eagerly cheering on the guys on the court. When the game first ended I was absolutely shocked. It was pure hysteria. I gave high fives to everyone around me. Brock, Spanky, Tom, Dave and I all started to rush on the court. We were so happy to see pretty good friends of ours win one like that. Seeing Eddie Yeo hugging and picking up coach Randall in those delirious moments after the game made everything worthwhile. I have seen many close games and even more exciting ones but none had hit me like this one. On my way home I realized why. This team is a group of young guys, just one senior. All they want to do is play the game and play it hard. To them this means winning. Just seeing them cheer each other on and then the wild celebration after the climax showed how bad they want to succeed. They are so young as Pelak showed after the game in the locker room. Several of the players came out but there was no sign of Troy. I wanted to interview him so I asked what was taking him so long. The response they gave me was funny but so sincere. They said he simply didn't know what to do. So excited that he was walking around the lockerroom like a hyper person out of control. How can that not show how much this means to these players.

When Pelak finally did appear I asked what he was thinking in those final seconds. He said “I, I don’t really know, I just got the ball and shot it.” Sincere and probably true of most athletes in similar situations. The results were great and surged the Saints to a second consecutive road victory over Saginaw Valley State and a chance to advance as one of thirty-two teams in the NAIA national tournament. Their third consecutive road contest took them to Siena Heights where they came up just short during a week when many of their friends were traveling around Florida not Michigan.

This club may not have gone all the way but they sure made it farther than most people expected them to. This shows that they gelled at the right time. But, more importantly, it seemed that the started to come together as a team. Should this carry over to next season their will be some very exciting games in the Fieldhouse next year.

I am so lucky to have been able to enjoy such an exciting moment in Aquinas basketball. However, more importantly, I feel I may have seen the turning point in the basketball program. If this team sticks together, watch out- they're gonna be tough!

Tibaldi Wins No. 200

by Bryan Rizzo

Milestones come and go. Some are noticed, some are passed over. Patti Tibaldi, the women's varsity basketball coach, recently reached one of these milestones. But, if she had her way it would be passed over as nothing to important. Tibaldi became the first Aquinas College basketball coach—men's and women's both—to win 200 games. In itself this is an amazing feat, however, Tibaldi has accomplished this in just eleven years as coach of the Saints. This means she's averaged just under 20 wins a season.

The landmark came in an 80-52 victory at Siena Heights. This is just one of the accomplishments Tibaldi has notched in her career. This year's club finished with a record of 26-7 which gives her five teams with twenty or more wins. Her career record now stands at an outstanding 210-83.

Tibaldi tried to downplay the victory as much as possible. She stated "It feels like every other win in a lot of ways. I guess it's meaningful because there are a lot of coaches that coach as long but never get a chance at 200 wins.”

She feels that most of the credit for her success should go to the players on her teams. "Players are what help you achieve this. Kids make the game special.”

When asked what some of the greatest memories she's had at Aquinas, Tibaldi replied "Kids are the memories. Their were years that we didn't win many but the kids really developed and matured. Like one year we weren't supposed to win many games. We won nineteen that year. That was a group of over-achievers.”

She attributes her extended success to the continual recruitment of over-achievers. These players "Tend to work hard, be smart and are very competitive." She offers the tremendous defensive standing of her team as a proof of this. The Saints have been ranked in the top ten to fifteen scoring defenses in the country every year since 1984. "This shows the team sacrifices because defense is not glorified. That's a real tribute to the players.”

This year's team is very special to Tibaldi because it has five seniors on the roster which is Continued on page 19
Varsity Men Create Magic, Tournament Memories

By Bryan Rizzo

The best time of year to play the best your team can is tournament time. This seems obvious but the Men's varsity basketball team certainly showed how much fun it can be to play that way at that time. The Saints put together a late season run which left them a win away from a trip to Kansas as one of thirty-two teams in the NAIA national tournament. The season may have ended a game early but it was exciting getting to that point.

Things did not come easily for this team as was evidenced in a 94-65 defeat at the hands of Calvin College. The Saints were never really in this one as the talented Calvin club jumped out to a 17-5 lead and never looked back. Jason Myers lead the Saints with 12 points followed by 11 from Paul Lauer and 10 from Ed Yeo. The story of the game was told on the boards as the Saints were outrebounded 54-32.

The Saints then played a highly ranked (top 25 nationally) Hope team tough before falling to a 104-86 loss. Yeo played an exceptional game leading the team with 19 points and 13 rebounds, five offensive. Lauer added 15 and Troy Pelak contributed 14 in the defeat.

The Saints came off these two tough games to defeat Spring Arbor 111-98. Lauer came up with a big game hitting for 34 points and dishing out 7 assists. Brian Jacobs also had an outstanding game as he scored 16 while passing out 11 assists and came up with three steals. Yeo continued his steady play with 17 points and seven rebounds. Kris Lesley added 12 points and Troy Pelak and Ron Van Surksum each came up with 11 points as the Saints rolled to an important victory.

The Saints then played Spring Valley State for their second contest. The first half was close with Saginaw taking as much as a seven point lead but at the midway point the Saints trailed by just two. Saginaw began the second half with a 17-3 run which seemed to put Saginaw away. However, the team battled back and with 1:08 left in the game a Lauer three pointer brought the Saints to within one point of Saginaw. After a Saginaw free throw Lauer drilled another three-pointer to give the Saints a one point lead with three seconds left and St. Mary's at the line for two free throws. When the second shot caught nothing but net it seemed as though the Saints season was over. However, Kris Lesley hit Troy Pelak with a pass at the three point marker. Pelak hit a turn-around jumper as the buzzer sounded to give the club a thrilling victory and a ticket to the second round of the tournament.

The Saints traveled to Saginaw Valley State for their second round of the tournament. This set up a first round district 23 playoff game against St. Mary's college. The game was close all the way with the Saints battling for a one point lead with three seconds left and St. Mary's at the line for two free throws. When the second shot caught nothing but net it seemed as though the Saints season was over. However, Kris Lesley hit Troy Pelak with a pass at the three point marker. Pelak hit a turn-around jumper as the buzzer sounded to give the club a thrilling victory and a ticket to the second round of the tournament.

The Saints were then soundly defeated by Siena Heights 107-81. Lauer lead the club with 21 points. Jacobs added 15 and Yeo had 12 along with 9 rebounds. Once again, rebounds killed the Saints as they were outrebounded 47-31.

Aquinas then put together back-to-back road victories over Madonna College and Tri-State University of Indiana before losing at Calvin.

This brought up the regular season finale at Spring Arbor. The Saints won it 93-82 to gain some momentum. Lauer poured in 28 while Jacobs added 18. Yeo turned in another strong performance with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Lesley rounded out the season with 15 points and six rebounds.

The Saints ended the season with a tough 102-95 defeat at Siena Heights. Aquinas lead by as much as seven late in the second half but could not hold on. Lauer finished the year with a big 42 point outing while Lesley and Pelak each had 14. Lesley continued his tough inside play with 15 more rebounds. The lone senior, Brian Jacobs, finished his career with an 11 point, six assist game as the Saints finished with a 15-20 record.

This brings us to the NAIA national tournament. The Saints were one of thirty-two teams in the NAIA national tournament. The season may have ended a game early but it was exciting getting to that point.
Women's Varsity: Still the Same

By Bryan Rizzo

The women's varsity basketball team has continued its powerful tradition with a strong 26-7 record. Included in the season was head coach Patti Tibaldi's 200th career victory.

Things got rolling with a 66-37 blowout of the University of Michigan at Dearborn. Brenda McNeil exploded with a game high of 20 points and 11 rebounds. Alese Keiser added 15 points and six rebounds as the Saints cruised to an easy victory.

The Ferris State Bulldogs came into Aquinas and stunned the Saints with an 80-72 upset. Ferris jumped out to a 14-4 lead and never trailed from that point on. The Saints, however, never gave up in this battle. The Bulldogs started the second half with a 14-2 run and led by 17 points. The Saints battled the rest of the way and cut the deficit to just eight but time ran out. McNeil and Keiser each scored 19 and Keiser grabbed an impressive 15 rebounds. Julie Greene reached double figures with 14 points as the club fell to defeat.

The ladies rebounded from this setback to trounce Grand Rapids Baptist 70-32. Keiser lead the way with 17 points as 14 players scored in the rout. The Saints shot an incredible 87.5% from the free throw line including 12 out of 12 in the second half.

Aquinas notched another victory, 63-55 over Olivet. The club was lead by twelve points each from Keiser and Julie Greene. The game was a tight affair for much of the first half but the Saints pulled away to a 39-29 halftime advantage. The hustling Saints defense caused 20 turnovers en-route to the victory.

The club continued its winning ways as they rolled of two more victories. The first was a 75-42 demolition of Spring Arbor. They followed that up with a 79-51 trouncing of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Two days later Northwood handed the Saints a tough 53-51 road loss.

Aquinas rebounded from the loss to reel off a four game winning streak to end the season. In the streak Aquinas defeated Calvin, Hope, Albion, and Siena Heights. None of the teams scored more than 47 points as the Saints tremendous defense tuned up for the tournament.

In the first round of the district 23 tournament Aquinas faced Siena Heights. The Saints rolled to an easy 81-38 victory. Aquinas scored 56 second half points to notch the win. Keiser lead the way with 16 points followed by Sue Butchart's 12. Nine other Saints reached the scoring column as they cruised into the championship game.

Aquinas played host to Saginaw Valley State for the district 23 championship. The visitors took it right at their hosts scoring the first six points of the game and never trailing as they battled for a 64-58 victory. Keiser closed out her record-setting career with 14 points and five rebounds. McNeil added 11 points and six rebounds along with 10 points from Van Opynen.

Keiser ended the season as the Saint's scoring leader averaging better than 14 points a game as well as over 8 rebounds per contest. McNeil was a close second in the scoring department averaging nearly 14 points a game.

Keiser ends her career third on the Saint's all-time scoring list with 1,422 points; fourth on the games started list with 112, and leaves as the top rebounder and shot blocker in Aquinas history.

Secret of Sweet Success

By Bryan Rizzo

What is the best kept secret on the Aquinas College Campus? No, not even close. The best kept secret Aquinas has to offer is that not only does it have a girls junior varsity basketball program but that the lady Saints amassed an impressive 13-1 record for the year.

The team is freshman dominated which makes their accomplishments that much more incredible since these players haven't had much experience as a team. Much credit belongs to Mary Takas for a fine coaching job.

The formula for the teams success seems to revolve around versatility. Every player on the team is capable of coming off the bench and getting the job done, whatever the job is.

Against Calvin College the Saints were lead by the all-around play of Sophomore Holley Hussein who scored 21 points, snatched eleven rebounds, including six on the offensive boards, and dished out three assists. Kristin Trahan and Marie Bridges came off the bench to score eight points each as the Saints clawed to a 64-53 victory.

Against Spring Arbor the teams depth was shown as eleven different players made the scoring column. Leading the way was Chris Dick with 14 points and eleven rebounds. Heather Woodcox added twelve points while Sue Galla chipped in with eight points. Tremendous defensive pressure was also responsible for this victory. The Saints had an amazing 18 steals. Lara Touchette was the top thief with four swipes while three other players had two each. All these factors combined for an overwhelming 60-38 victory.

The season finale against Calvin featured an eighteen point Saints victory. Chris Dick lead the way with 15 points and four rebounds. Hussein and Ann Hayeach and combined for seven rebounds as the Saints finished the year on a positive note.

Hussein finished the season as the team leader averaging about eleven points and six rebounds a game. Woodcox finished with an average game of about ten points and six rebounds.

The strong season shows that the varsity program, which graduates several seniors this year, will be in good shape for the future.
Classy Career Finishes

By Bryan Rizzo

Class. Character. Work ethic. These words have been used so many times to describe so many people. However, it is not often that all three words can be used to describe one individual. Brian Jacobs is one person deserving of all three of these words. He is the only senior on the varsity basketball team. He has taken this responsibility as a leader and handled it better than anyone could expect, both on and off the court.

Jacobs's basketball career has not always been as colorful as it has at Aquinas. Brian began his basketball days at Lansing Catholic Central high school. He played four years there but was not a starter until tournament time of his senior year. He helped lead his team to the semifinals before being eliminated. During his senior season Jacobs was actively recruited by Aquinas until they finally won him over.

His Aquinas career started on the junior varsity squad where he earned a starting spot his freshman year. His play was so impressive that he made it all the way to the top as a sophomore. That is, he was a starting guard for a varsity college basketball team his sophomore year in college. That year, however, was tough because nearly all the Saints victories were forfeited because of the ineligibility of one of the players. "That season really hurt the team. It was really tough," reacted Jacobs.

Highlights have been many in his career but a few that stick out include a Sophomore year game against Grand Valley. State in which he scored 28 points. Last year two near miss upsets of nationally ranked Hope College stand out as big moments in his Aquinas career. Perhaps the biggest moment of his career was scoring his 1,000 career point, this season. The always modest guard stated "I never thought that could happen to me."

Off the court Jacobs is no slouch either. His 3.18 grade point average is a testament to his hard work and determination. He is majoring in Physical Education with a minor in biology. He is also taking education classes and will begin student teaching next year. "Jake" was aiming at the post season tournament. He had never made it that far before. He certainly played his heart out as the Saints rolled to two victories before losing in the district 23 championship game.

When asked about his years at Aquinas Jacobs responded: "Aquinas is a great place to play. The people are quality athletes as well as student's. I wouldn't want to go anywhere else because of the school, its people and its environment."

Brian is definitely an asset to this school, its people and its environment.

Streaky End For Men's J.V.

Six Game Surge Closes Big Year

By Bryan Rizzo

The men's junior varsity basketball team put together a fine late season run to forge a winning record for themselves. The club finished the season with a 12-9 record winning half of their games in their final six contests. Before the winning streak the Saints began to work hard despite coming up short.

Calvin College handed the Saints a 78-65 home court defeat to drop their record to 6-9. Shawn Markham lead the Saints with 16 points while Ron VanSurksum and Ron Haley added 12 and 10 points respectively. Tom Aimes held up the defensive end with 5 steals. The Saints shook the setback off and greeted the Hope Flying Dutchmen with an explosive 106-103 defeat. Aimes and Van Surksum played outstanding games. Aimes knocked down 23 points including five for five from three-point range. He also shot a perfect eight for eight from the free-throw line. In addition he compiled four steals and a generous eight assists. Not to be outdone VanSurksum scored 23 points and hit on nine of ten free throws. He also grabbed a game-high seven rebounds.

The Saints continued their winning ways with a 105-84 blowout of Spring Arbor. Mike Walker exploded for 29 points including three for six from three point area. Scott Pichelman added a strong 19, Haley contributed 15 and Markham tossed in 14. Also, Haley and Markham each had eight rebounds to lead the Saints to their second consecutive victory.

Aquinas then set out to square their record at 9-9 and did just that with an 87-77 victory over Sienna Heights. Walker continued to have the hot hand as he poured in 23 points in a nine for seventeen shooting performance. Darren Cook came off the bench to chip in 14 points including six for eight from the free throw line. Aimes and Pichelman each had 12 points and Haley added 10 as the Saints motored to their third straight victory.

Aquinas then held off a very talented Alumni squad with a 109-97 victory. Markham was the big gun canning 22 points and grabbing 8 boards. Cook added 17 points, Terry Simmons contributed 16 and Walker had 15 points. Along with this victory the Saints notched a forfeit win over Northwood to earn two victories in one day.

Aquinas ended the season at Spring Arbor with a big 93-76 win. Markham and Haley had big afternoons with each gunning for 16 points and Haley pounded the boards for 14 rebounds compared to Markham's seven. Ames ended the season with a 12 point effort while Simmons added 11.

For the season, VanSurksum lead the team in scoring with an average of almost sixteen a game. Markham finished second with a 13.6 average followed by Walker with a 12.44 average and Todd Pelak with an eleven point average.
Track Going Strong

By Jack LoPresti

The Aquinas College men’s and women’s Indoor Track Teams recently completed their season’s with the NAIA District Championships at Siena Heights College. Prior to that, however, the women’s team put in a strong performance at the Tri-State Track Classic. The Saints had Kathy Boss, Theresa Knizacky, and Beth Kubik finish two, three and four respectively in the women’s shot put competition. In the 300 yard dash Jennie Butchart placed second, as well as picking up a third in the 440 yard dash. Also Betty Carruthers ran a 6:20 flat for a second place finish in the 50 yard dash. In the distance area Merry Coffin earned a second place finish in the 1000 yards. Amy Hughes was the lone Saints hurdler finishing 4th in the 50 yard hurdles. The coaching staff was pleased with the efforts the women put forth in the 9th Annual Classic.

The men also competed at the Tri-State meet. Dan Droski paced the men taking a fourth in the 600 yard dash just 24 hours after an impressive performance of the mile at the Eastern Michigan University Fast Track Invitational. Ted Cusack had a career day at Tri-State. Cusack finished third in the 100 yard run and third in the two mile run at 9:54.13. Pat Rajewski was just short of the gold in the 50 yard dash, finishing just three tenths of a second off of the winner. Old reliable, Mike “Air” Wilson won the High Jump competitions at both Tri-State and at Districts. The Senior standout cleared 6'10" at both Meets. Wilson won his first indoor district title in his first and only year of indoor games. Jack LoPresti also ran competitively at these meets earning a couple of second place finishes at Tri-State. At Districts LoPresti finished second in the 1500, and third in the two mile run.

Also congratulations go out to the men who traveled to the NAIA National meet in Kansas City, Missouri. The Athletes that headed south included Ted Cusack, Dan Droski, Jack LoPresti, Jim Lynch, Pat Rajewski and Mike Wilson. Wilson had a fine day, finishing second in the nation in the high jump going over the bar at 6’9’. Wilson put the finishing touches on a super career at Aquinas that also included four years of play on the Aquinas College hoop team.

Tibaldi continued

her most ever. She says of the seniors “Their commitment has been terrific. They are good leaders. They play their roles.”

Several things sum up this coach and her attitude. She says her highlights at Aquinas were winning the National Catholic Tournament in 1985, a year they went 27-3, and defeating Saginaw Valley State this season.

The best way to show the true character of this coach is this story: When asked what she remembers most about her 200th win she replied “The bus was a half hour late and we made it to Sienna only 35 minutes before game time.”

This lady has truly earned her place not only in Aquinas history but in the state of Michigan basketball history. She is a true and honest winner.

Baseball Heads North

By Bryan Rizzo

The Aquinas baseball team made its annual trip to Florida for its version of spring training during spring break. The trip was a huge success as the Saints rolled off several wins and even pulled off a few extraordinary moments.

The club started the season on a good note as they shutout Central Florida 10-0 behind the pitching of Tim Sullivan. Joe Emanuelle collected the year’s first game winning RBI.

Central Florida was not as easy in the nightcap as they bombed the Saints 12-8. However, the club came back the next day and swept a doubleheader from the University of Indianapolis. Kevin Weaver got the victory in the opener and Pete Gleason drove in the decisive run. The second game, a 7-0 victory, featured a one-hit pitching performance by Jerry Wnuk. Jimmy Johnson collected his first game winner as the team improved to 3-1.

The next day Steve Witt put his name in the record books as he hurled a no-hitter against Findlay of Ohio. The 1-0 thriller gained its victory and Paul Bastien credited with the game winning RBI.

Aquinas picked up another victory in an 8-3 triumph over Mount Union of Ohio. Rod Rojas picked up the victory and Paul Bastien knocked in the game winner. That game was followed up by an 18-5 rout of Adrian College. Jon Kipp drove in the decisive run. Rojas earned his second victory of the Spring as the Saints defeated Central Florida 4-3. Pete Gleason collected his second game winner. The finale of the Spring ended in a five all tie. The Saints came home with a very impressive 9-2-1 record and appears more than ready to defend its district 23 championship.

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With just five seconds left in the game Ed Foley hit a jumper for the lead. A desperation shot by Smith fell short and the Foley’s walked off with a 52-51 decision. Smith lead all scorers with 19 points while Sullivan tossed in 14 for the losers. Jim Kirkwood lead the winners with 13 points followed by 12 from Todd Doyle and 11 from Doug Murphy.

The nightcap pitted Lubrication against the Ex J.V.’ers. Lubrication jumped out to a 25-16 halftime lead. However, after a see-saw second half the Ex J.V.’ers ran off nine unanswered points and clawed to within one point with two minutes remaining. After a lubrification bucket Pete Schoenborn nailed a three-pointer with a minute forty to play. Lubrication could manage just two free throws the rest of the way while Will Armstrong and Jeff Glotta each scored for the Ex J.V.’ers as the won it 44-42.

Glotta lead all scorers with 19 points and Tim Brayman added 10. Lubrication was lead by Darryl Martin’s 15 points and Rich Wilson’s 13 point effort.
Volleyball club gets off the ground at Aquinas

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